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In re application of:

Michael A. Siani-Rose et al.

Application No.: 09/683,264

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For: COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR
AUTOMATED ANNOTATION OF
BIOLOGICAL SEQUENCES

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 26, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.